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The Dry Amendment

In commenting on the resolution adopted by the New Mexico legislature to amend the state constitution regarding the sale of alcoholic liquor, the Albuquerque Herald, after quoting the resolution in full and also the Webb-Kenyon law, says:

It will be seen that the Webb-Kenyon law prohibits the shipment into any dry state of any beverages mentioned when such beverages are to be used contrary to any law of that state, and as the law of New Mexico will, if the amendment is adopted, exclude liquors of every kind and description except denatured or wood alcohol, or grain alcohol when intended and used for medicinal or scientific purposes only and wine, when intended and used for sacramental purposes only, it appears that the proposed measure is about as drastic as it could be.

The point on which opinions differ is that part of the resolution reading: "Or offer any of such liquors or beverages for sale, barter or trade." Those opposed to the resolution contend that there is nothing contained in that clause of the bill preventing the giving away of liquor, and there seems to be grounds for their contention. It is said, in fact, that the resolution was so worded as a compromise with a certain class of persons in the state who like to keep a little liquor on hand and invite their friends in occasionally for a "nip." However, if they are forbidden to manufacture it for 'gift' or import it for 'gift,' as set forth in the first part of the resolution how are they going to get it? Furthermore, as giving away liquor would not be a very remunerative business it is not expected that the practice will be indulged in to any great extent.

The proposed amendment may have its faults. No state, so far as we know, made a success of enforcing its prohibitory law right from the jump. The New Mexico amendment will, if adopted, be the most drastic and sweeping measure bearing on the prohibition question that was ever originally adopted by any state. Justice Roberts is authority for that statement, and he ought to know. All the other states have found it necessary, after prohibition carried, to plug up the leaks by legislative enactments. New Mexico may have to do this too.

Washington and Lincoln

February brings around again the birthdays of two of the greatest men in American history. Thinking of their honesty of purpose, their nobility of life and their statesmanlike qualities, suggests some sayings from them.

WORDS OF WASHINGTON

"If a man cannot act in all respects as he would wish, he must do what appears best, under the circumstances he is in. This I aim at, however short I may fail of the end."

"I never say anything of a man that I have the smallest scruple of saying to him."

"The liberties of the country are safe"—on receiving news of the battle of Bunker Hill.

"Observe good faith and justice toward all nations; cultivate peace and harmony with all."

After Cornwallis's surrender at Yorktown, Washington said to his army: "My brave fellows, let no sensation of satisfaction for the triumphs you have gained induce you to insult your fallen enemy. Let no shouting, no clamorous huzzaing increase their mortification. It is sufficient for us that we witness their humiliation. Posterity will huzza for us."

WORDS OF LINCOLN

"I will study and get ready, and maybe my chance will come."

"Let us have faith that right makes might, and in that faith let us to the end dare to do our duty as we understand it."

"Such honor as others may think has come to me is almost wholly due to my habit of thinking before I act. Few actions are so important, so critical, that a moment of thought should not be given them. That one moment may change the entire course of a life."

Over four hundred bills have been introduced in the present legislature—some good, some bad and some indifferent. So far very few have become law. Probably the solons prefer to make no laws rather than poor ones. And they might do worse!

House bill No. 124, relating to trespass of animals and damages therefor, brought out the first general debate in the house this session last Thursday. A large number of bills on the subject of trespass by animals have been introduced in both houses. This may be considered as a protest against the present fence law for one thing and that farming is becoming important in New Mexico for another. H. B. No. 124 was rather drastic and was defeated by a vote of 24 to 20. This narrow margin gives promise that no radical fence or trespass bill will pass this session. A fair law is needed to protect both live stock and farming industries.

Road building and maintenance are among the important matters up for consideration. There are already many road bills introduced. Some favor state supervision of all construction while others provide for returning to the old method of control by the county commissioners. Senator Tully has a bill, relating to assenting to the provisions of the Federal road act. This carries no appropriation, merely accepting the terms of the Federal act. This assent must be made by the present legislature to obtain any of the benefits. Any available funds, state, county or precinct may be applied to draw down Federal aid dollar for dollar. A state wide road meeting will be held in Santa Fe, February 23rd to consider legislation and every part of the state will no doubt send delegates to this convention.

Economy has many supporters in the present legislature. Senator Clark of San Miguel County, the majority leader in the Senate, has taken a positive stand against extravagance in the conduct of the business of the state and the Senate backs him up. He is willing to begin at home and for that reason the bill providing funds for legislative printing introduced in the Senate providing \$7500.00 or as much thereof as is necessary will be insisted on, though the house wants \$9,000.00 without any strings. The appropriation bill is being made up, but will not be introduced till the last of the session. Every item will be carefully scrutinized and it is a foregone conclusion that nobody will get all they ask for.

Make Your Dreams Come True

Many a splendid dream has fallen short of realization only through the lack of good hard practical work on the part of the dreamer. I believe that no man accomplishes big things without he is a man of big dreams, and his dreams are practically worthless unless he has the energy to put them to practical use.

Take the dream age of most boys, between twelve and eighteen, and if his efforts can be so directed that he will begin early to working for his dreams, you will find that that is the boy who will work out big problems.

The foundation for a boy's success or failure is laid during the dream period, and too often he is not given the opportunity that his energy demands, and he reaches the age of maturity with no fixed habit; no aim in life; he has been denied the opportunity that a boy's natural initiative demands and many times he is required to start in with his life work after he quits school hampered by the loss of the habit fixing years during which his efforts should have been directed.

In this respect, the Industrial Club work, conducted by the State College and the U. S. Department of Agriculture, co-operating, offers an opportunity in habit fixing that will mean much to the success of any boy when he leaves his school and starts life for himself. This work is brought right into his home without cost.—By J. H. Toulouse.

Give the Children a Chance

With New Mexico still in its swaddling clothes, it is fortunate that the State College, co-operating with the United States Government, has brought to the State the Industrial Club idea, and is furnishing the means for the direction of this work among children of the State.

That our state is new in Agricultural ideas is just as true as is the fact that we are new in statehood, but we have the opportunity here for wonderful development along the lines of agricultural improvement, and it is fitting indeed that the children of the State be given the opportunity of developing themselves while the State is taking on larger and better methods in wealth building.

That the leaders in the Club movement will bring the latest and best methods of developing the resources of the State to the children, goes without saying. It is a wonderful thing to have this work brought right into the homes of our children without cost to them, and in years to come it is just possible that we can point back with pride to the fact that it was the children of New Mexico who pointed the way to bigger production, better homes, and in all, a State with its wonderful resources scientifically developed.—By J. H. Toulouse.

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